

**Attention: All Providers****Have you reported your National Provider Identifier (NPI) to the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA)?**

Only 25 percent of providers have reported their National Provider Identifier (NPI) to the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA). You must report an NPI for each of your Medicaid provider numbers to the DMA's Provider Enrollment unit to comply with HIPPA guidelines. (Atypical providers excluded.) At this time, the National Plan and Provider Enumerator is not providing NPI information to health plans.

Instructions and addresses to report the NPI and taxonomy number can be found on the DMA's Web site at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/NPI.htm>. Two options are available for submitting this information: the NPI Collection Spreadsheet (EDI) and the NPI Collection form. Instructions for both are posted on the DMA website. A copy of the NPI certification (either letter or email) from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) must be included with each submission to update your DMA provider enrollment file. (If the same NPI represents multiple Medicaid provider numbers, only one NPPES certification is needed.) The NPI reporting process will not be complete without this information. The NPI must be reported and the NPPES certification must be submitted to DMA Provider Enrollment by March 31, 2007.

NPI Poses No Change in Medicaid Policy or Billing Requirements:

The implementation of NPI requirements does not change Medicaid policy or current billing requirements. Claims processing will not be affected by such NPI changes as taxonomy codes and NPI numbers. Program coverage, reimbursement, and Medicaid policy remain the same. Please continue to refer to program enrollment and guidelines to file claims.

How NPI Will Affect Remittance and Status Reports:

Beginning with NPI implementation on May 18, 2007, providers will no longer be able to submit Medicaid provider numbers on claims. Remittance and Status Reports (RAs) will be affected by this change. Paper RAs will change to contain both the NPI submitted on the claim and the Medicaid provider number. On 835 transactions, only the NPI will be reported. Since claims are processed on the Medicaid provider number, providers may receive multiple 835 transactions.

How NPI Implementation Relates to Taxonomy Codes:

Taxonomy codes will be required on claims upon NPI implementation. The taxonomy codes are mandatory on both paper and electronic claims. For electronic claims, follow the rules of the 837 Implementation Guides to populate the taxonomy for billing and attending provider numbers. For paper claims, the taxonomy must be populated for both billing and attending provider numbers. Claims missing taxonomy codes will deny.

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